## Amendments to the claims:

Please amend claims 4 and 5, and add new claims 8-11 as shown in the following listing of claims. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1	1. (original) A messenger system for storing and transferring a file using an
2	Internet messenger, the messenger system including a messenger server and a
3	plurality of messenger clients connected to the messenger server for exchanging a
4	message or file with the messenger server, comprising:
5	a messenger function-performing file storage unit connected to the messenger
6	server,
7	wherein the messenger function-performing file storage unit comprises:
8	a messenger function-performing unit for receiving a file, which will be
9	transferred from a user of a messenger client serving as a sender to a user of a
10	messenger client serving as a recipient among the plurality of the messenger clients,
11	and transmitting the received file to the user of the messenger client serving as the
12	recipient;
13	a file storage unit for storing the file received through the messenger function-
14	performing unit therein; and
15	a control unit for controlling storing the file received through the messenger
16	function-performing unit in the file storage unit and transferring the file stored in the
17	file storage unit to a user of a messenger client serving as a recipient when the user of
18	the messenger client serving as the recipient accepts the receipt of the file.

1	2. (original) A messenger system for storing and transferring a file using an
2	Internet messenger, the messenger system including a messenger server and a
3	plurality of messenger clients connected to the messenger server for exchanging a
4	message or file with the messenger server, comprising:
5	a messenger function-performing file storage unit connected to the messenger
6	server,
7	wherein the messenger function-performing file storage unit comprises:
8	a messenger function-performing unit for receiving a file that a user of any
9	one of the plurality of the messenger clients wishes to store and transmitting the
10	received file to a user of the messenger client;
11	a file storage unit for storing the file received through the messenger function
12	performing unit therein; and
13	a control unit for controlling storing the file received through the messenger
14	function-performing unit in the file storage unit and transferring the file stored in the
15	file storage unit to a user of the messenger client through the messenger function-
16	performing unit when there is a request from the user of the messenger client.

- (original) The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein a firewall is installed 3. 1 between the messenger server and the messenger client serving as the sender or 2 between the messenger server and the messenger client serving as the recipient, and 3 a web interface for connecting the messenger client and the messenger 4 function-performing file storage unit through the firewall is further provided between 5 the firewall and the messenger function-performing file storage unit, whereby the user 6 of the messenger client can receive or store the file that is being stored in the file 7 storage unit using a web browser. 8
- 4. (currently amended) The system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 claim
  1, wherein the file storage unit is a storage system provided on the Internet.

1	5. (currently amended) The system as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 claim
2	1, wherein at least one of the plurality of the messenger clients has a plug-in program
3	installed, and
4	the messenger function-performing file storage unit further comprises a file
5	transmission/reception-executing unit that allows the messenger client having the

plug-in program installed in and the messenger function-performing file storage unit

to exchange a file directly through the plug-in program.

- 6. (original) A method for storing/transferring a file in/to a messenger system including a messenger server, a plurality of transmission/reception messenger clients connected to the messenger server for exchanging a message or file with the messenger server, and a messenger function-performing file storage unit connected to the messenger server and having a messenger function and a file storage function, comprising the steps of:
- allowing the messenger function-performing file storage unit to receive a file, which is to be transferred from a user of a messenger client serving as a sender to a user of a messenger client serving as a recipient among the plurality of the messenger clients, through the messenger function and then to store the file therein through the file storage function; and

transferring a file stored in the messenger function-performing file storage unit to a user of a messenger client serving as a recipient through the messenger function when the user of the messenger client serving as the recipient accepts the receipt of the file.

- 7. (original) A method for storing/transferring a file in/to a messenger system
- 2 including a messenger server, a plurality of transmission/reception messenger clients
- 3 connected to the messenger server for exchanging a message or file with the
- 4 messenger server, and a messenger function-performing file storage unit connected to
- 5 the messenger server and having a messenger function and a file storage function,
- 6 comprising the steps of:
- allowing the messenger function-performing file storage unit to receive a file
- that will be stored by a user of any one of the plurality of the messenger clients
- 9 through the messenger function and then to store the file therein through the file
- 10 storage function; and
- transferring a file stored in the messenger function-performing file storage unit
- to a user of a messenger client through the messenger function when there is a request
- from the user of the messenger client.
- 1 8. (new) The system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the file storage unit is a
- 2 storage system provided on the Internet.
- 1 9. (new) The system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the file storage unit is a
- 2 storage system provided on the Internet.
- 1 10. (new) The system as claimed in claim 2, wherein at least one of the plurality
- of the messenger clients has a plug-in program installed, and
- the messenger function-performing file storage unit further comprises a file
- 4 transmission/reception-executing unit that allows the messenger client having the
- 5 plug-in program installed in and the messenger function-performing file storage unit
- 6 to exchange a file directly through the plug-in program.
- 1 11. (new) The system as claimed in claim 3, wherein at least one of the plurality
- of the messenger clients has a plug-in program installed, and
- the messenger function-performing file storage unit further comprises a file
- 4 transmission/reception-executing unit that allows the messenger client having the
- 5 plug-in program installed in and the messenger function-performing file storage unit
- 6 to exchange a file directly through the plug-in program.